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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of the Korean Application No. P2003-

080528080518, filed on November 14, 2003, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] There is a valve assembly 11 in front of the cylinder 7. The valve assembly 11

controls introduction/discharge of the refrigerant into/from the cylinder. There is a head cover

12 at an outer side of the valve assembly 11 for isolating drawing refrigerant from discharging

refrigerant. There is a suction muffler 13 under the head cover 12. The suction muffler 13

attenuates noise of the drawing generated by refrigerant as it is drawn in through a suction pipe

14, and prevents the drawing refrigerant from being heated.

Please replace paragraph [0039] with the following amended paragraph:

[0039] The lower container 100 has a cover bracket 130 for fastening a terminal cover

(not shown) thereto, and a suction pipe 150a, a discharge pipe 150b, and a refrigerant pipe 150c

on one side surface thereof passed therethrough.

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following amended paragraph:

[0044] Front and rear of the cylinder 330b are opened. The front has a valve assembly

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370 provided thereto for controlling suction and discharge of refrigerant, and the rear has a piston 350 inserted therethrough. There is a head cover 390 in front of the valve assembly 370 for isolating discharged refrigerant, and drawn refrigerant. There is a suction muffler 400 under

the head cover 150a390 for attenuating noise of the refrigerant drawing into the cylinder 330b.

Please replace paragraph [0049] with the following amended paragraph:

[0049] The discharge muffler 330c has a muffler cover 330d at a top part for preventing the refrigerant from leaking. There is a loop pipe 500 having one end passed passing through the muffler cover 330d. The loop pipe 500 guides the refrigerant from the discharge muffler 330c to the discharge pipe 150b.

Please replace paragraph [0050] with the following amended paragraph:

[0050] There is a pseudo-discharge muffler 330c' on an opposite side of the discharge muffler330c with reference to the cylinder 330a. The pseudo-discharge muffler 330c' is provided for making a weight balance with the discharge silencer muffler 330c. Moreover, the pseudodischarge muffler 330c' may be used as a supplementary discharge muffler by connecting a pipe thereto if necessary.

Please replace paragraph [0051] with the following amended paragraph:

[0051] In the meantime, the loop pipe 500 passed passing through the muffler cover 330d

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will be described in detail. FIG. 3 illustrates a perspective view of a loop pipe in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. 4 illustrates a perspective view of a loop pipe in accordance with another preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [0053] with the following amended paragraph:

[0053] In order to prevent heat dissipated from by the high temperature, high pressure refrigerant flowing through an inside of through the loop pipe 500 from transmitting being transmitted to an outside of the loop pipe 500, the loop pipe 500 is formed of a synthetic resin having a low heat transfer coefficient, such as Teflon.

Please replace paragraph [0066] with the following amended paragraph:

[0066] Meantime, as the piston 350 moves forward, the drawn refrigerant is compressed into a high temperature, and high pressure state. Then, the refrigerant is discharged through a discharge valve of the valve assembly 370, passes the discharge muffler 330c, and the discharge pipe 150b, and discharged to an outside of the hermetic compressor.